

BYLAWS

CHAPTER 1 - PURPOSE 1.01

These bylaws are necessary to carry out the duties specified within the Student Government Association constitution.

CHAPTER 2 - MEMBERSHIP 2.01

Committee members must be approved by the Student Government Association President. Committee members may chair standing committees within the Student Senate. Committee members may make motions within the Student Senate, but have no voting power.

2.02

All students running for office as an elected member of the Student Government Association must be currently enrolled and have no less than a 2.5 cumulative GPA. If the student has not yet established a GPA with Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi, then the student's GPA will be reviewed as soon as it is established. The Student Government Faculty Advisor shall review the GPAs of all candidates.

2.03

Students elected to a position shall have the period until the Official Swearing-In Ceremony to accept or deny their positions. Students not meeting the required GPA after the spring semester shall have both Summer Sessions to achieve such.

2.04

Students seeking an appointed position need not meet the aforementioned GPA requirement, unless they are seeking a position that is normally elected.

2.05

Any individual holding an office or an appointed position who graduates in the Fall semester may retain all rights and privileges bestowed upon them through the following Spring semester with the following conditions:

- i. If they are enrolled during the following Spring semester or actively seeking enrollment for the following Fall semester, as a graduate or post baccalaureate student
- ii. If they are actively seeking reelection in an office or if they are seeking other appointed positions in the Student Government Association for the following Fall.

2.06

Terms of membership shall begin the day following Commencement every spring semester, and shall end the following academic calendar year on the day of Spring Commencement.

CHAPTER 3 - EXECUTIVE BRANCH 3.01

The term of office for the Student Government Association President shall begin on the day following Spring Commencement every year, and shall end on the Spring Commencement of the following year.

3.02

If the Student Government Association President will be absent for a period of no less than two

weeks and no more than twelve weeks, the Student Government Vice President will become the Student Government Association President Pro tempore in a general meeting. A termination of duties date will be set at the same meeting following the two-thirds approval by the Student Senate. Notification of a desired leave of absence must be provided in advance whenever possible.

3.03

The term of office for the Student Government Association Vice President shall begin on the day following Spring Commencement every year, and shall end on the Spring Commencement of the following year.

3.04

If the Student Government Association Vice President will be absent for a period of no less than two weeks and no more than twelve weeks, a Student Government Association Vice President Pro Tempore will be elected. In such case, an open nomination process followed by a two-thirds Student Senate approval will choose the Student Government Association Vice President Pro Tempore. A termination of duties date will be set at the same meeting following the two-thirds approval by the Student Senate. Notification of a desired leave of absence must be provided in advance whenever possible.

3.05

The Oath of Office shall be administered by the Student Government Association President to all newly elected executive officers, Senators, Committee Chairpersons or Co Chairs, and to any appointed and approved students filling any vacant positions within the Student Government Association. The Student Government Association Advisor, Vice President of Student Affairs, or the President of the University shall administer the Oath of Office to the Student Government Association President and Vice President.

3.06

The Student Government may appoint following positions as members of the Executive Cabinet:

- i. Secretary
 - a. Upon approval by the Student Government Association Advisor.
- ii. Speaker of the Student Senate
 - a. Upon approval by two-thirds of the Student Senate.
- iii. Treasurer
 - a. Upon approval by the Student Government Association Advisor.

3.07

The Secretary is charged with collecting and archiving all information regarding the activities of the Student Government Association at Texas A&M University – Corpus Christi. The Secretary is also charged with recording the minutes of all Student Senate and Executive Cabinet meetings. Such minutes shall be presented to all Student Government Association members for revision and review in a timely manner. The secretary may be appointed by the president with the approval of the Student Government Association Advisor.

3.08

The Speaker of the Student Senate's powers, duties, and responsibilities are outlined in Article IV of the constitution and Chapter 4 of the bylaws. The Speaker of the Student Senate shall represent the Legislative Branch in the Executive Cabinet. The Speaker of the Student Senate must be approved by a two-thirds vote of the Student Senate. The Speaker of the Student Senate is considered to be an "appointed" position for the purposes of Article II of the constitution.

3.09

The Treasurer is charged with overseeing the Student Government Association's budget. The Treasurer shall have no influence over the budget whatsoever. The Treasurer may be appointed by the Student Government Association President with the approval of the Student Government Association Advisor.

3.10

The Executive Cabinet shall meet bi-weekly on dates scheduled by the Student Government Association President. Such meetings must be attended by the Student Government Association President, the Student Government Association Vice President, all members of the Executive Cabinet, and the Chief Justice of the Judicial Board.

3.11

The State of the Student Government Association address shall be presented to all campus newspapers for campus wide distribution.

3.12

Events to be attended by the Student Government Association President as a ceremonial representative may include, but are not to be limited to all events, in which there is an administrative invitation, such as a member of the Student Panel for the Presidential Search Committee, Investiture ceremonies, the President Convocation, the President's Ball, Islander Tribute, and Board Authorized Tuition Hearings. Appropriate demeanor and etiquette must be demonstrated while serving as a ceremonial representative, which will be determined by those administrative officials who offered invitations. Reported discrepancies will be reviewed by the Student Senate and any hearing for disciplinary actions will be brought before the Judicial Board.

3.13

The meetings to be scheduled by the Student Government Association President with the University President and University Provost shall be within the first two calendar weeks at the beginning of each semester and the last three calendar weeks at the end of each semester. The scheduled meetings with the Vice President of Student Affairs and the Dean of Students shall be on a monthly basis. Scheduled meetings with the Student Government Association Faculty Advisor shall be on a weekly basis.

3.14

The Student Government Association President shall have annual meetings with the Deans of Colleges, Vice President for Academic Affairs, Vice President for Finance and Administration, Vice President for Institutional Advancement, Vice President for Planning and Institutional

Effectiveness, Associate Vice President for Graduate Studies and Research, Associate Vice President of Academics, Associate Vice President for Enrollment Management, Bell Library Director, Health Center Director, Athletics Director, Speaker of Faculty Senate, Staff Advisory Council President, and other University service officials. All meetings will be kept within the timelines stated herein.

3.15

The Student Government Association President may veto a motion made in the Student Senate with the approval of the Student Government Association Faculty advisor.

3.16

The Student Government Association President may call special sessions of the Student Senate when needed, and shall specify the date, time, and location of such meeting within 48 hours of the day of the meeting called.

CHAPTER 4 - LEGISLATIVE BRANCH 4.01

The Student Senate shall convene anytime during the fall, spring, summer I, and summer II semesters, with the exception of final exam weeks. Final exam weeks are defined as the day after the designated Reading Day to the last day of finals. Special sessions may include conference calls. Appropriate votes are as follows: Yay, Nay, or Abstain.

4.02

For all Student Senate meetings, business shall be conducted as follows:

- i. The Student Senate Recording Secretary shall take the general minutes of all Student Senate meetings and make them available to the student body.
- ii. All meetings shall be open to the public, except for specific meetings called by the Student Government Association President such as emergency sessions.
- iii. A special request may be made by a member of the student body to the Student Government Association President, Student Government Association Vice President, or the Speaker of the Student Senate in order to request an item be placed on the agenda.
- iv. A simple majority of the voting members of the Student Senate present shall constitute a quorum at the meetings.
- v. A simple majority of senators enrolled in the summer session in which the meeting is held shall be present to constitute a quorum at the meeting.
- vi. The Student Senate must vote upon a bill, resolution, or motion within 30 days of its introduction to the Student Senate. If it is not voted upon within this time frame, said bill, resolution, or motion is considered to be “dead”. A “dead” bill, resolution, or motion may only be reintroduced after another 30 days. The following days shall not count towards either of these 30 day counts:
 - a. Time between the last day of finals in a fall semester and the first day of classes in the following spring semester.
 - b. Thanksgiving Break.
 - c. Spring Break.
- vii. All bills, resolutions, or motions are considered to be “dead” at the end of every spring semester.
- viii. Senators have the right to absentee vote in accordance with 4.03.

4.03

Absentee voting procedures are as follows:

- i. If a senator wishes to absentee vote, they must send an email or written letter to the Speaker of the Student Senate and the Vice President of SGA informing of their decision to absentee vote.
- ii. The aforementioned email or letter must be sent to the Speaker of the Student Senate and the Vice President of SGA at least 24 hours in advance of the expected vote.
- iii. The vote of the absent senators must be announced directly after the vote of present senators in the senate meetings.
- iv. The vote of absent senators shall not be confidential unless there is a vote by ballot.
- v. A member of SGA cannot be selective of the absent senators they solicit for votes. They must inform all senators of upcoming votes.

4.04

Meeting attire will be business casual to business professional attire with the Student Government Association President calling for business attire depending on the Student Government Association meeting or event.

Business casual is defined as the Student Government Association Polo shirt, slacks and closed toe shoes.

Business professional attire is defined as slacks or skirt, tie, collared button up shirt or blouse, and dress shoes. Vests and Jackets are optional.

Members of Student Government Association attending Student Senate meetings who are out of dress code will be addressed by the Student Government Association President in the manner that the latter feels appropriate. If the Student Government Association member is addressed 2 or more times, they will be given half an absence.

4.05

Pursuant to Article VI, Section 6 of the constitution, if a senator receives more than two unexcused absences during a semester, the Student Government Association President then has the power to initiate removal proceedings against said senator. The Student Senate then must approve the removal with a majority vote. The Student Senate must vote on the removal by the end of the meeting in which the proceedings originated.

An “excused absence” is any absence defined in the General Academic Policies and Regulations’ in the University handbook as “intercollegiate athletics competition/travel, field trips, student research conferences, and Board of Regents meetings”. In addition, extenuating circumstances, such as a death in the family, may create an excused absence, if proof of such extenuating circumstances is brought forward to the Student Senate Recording Secretary. This proof of extenuating circumstances must be provided within one week of the absence.

An “unexcused absence” is any other absence.

4.06

It is the duty and responsibility of all senators mentioned in the first paragraph of Article IV, Section 2 of the constitution to schedule monthly meetings with the deans of their respective colleges.

4.07

Any senator who graduates in the fall semester may retain all rights and privileges bestowed upon them through the following spring semester with the following conditions:

- i. They are enrolled during the following spring semester or actively seeking enrollment for the following fall semester as a graduate or post baccalaureate student.
- ii. They are actively seeking reelection in an office or other appointed positions in the Student Government Association for the following fall.

4.08

Eight standing committees shall exist in the Student Senate:

- i. Academic Affairs Committee – 4.09
- ii. Constitution and Elections Committee – 4.10
- iii. Environmental Affairs Committee – 4.11
- iv. Food and Services Committee – 4.12
- v. Public Relations Committee – 4.13
- vi. Spirits and Traditions Committee – 4.14
- vii. Student Affairs Committee – 4.15
- viii. Legislative Study Committee – 4.16

The chairperson of each committee is required to submit a description of the committee's goals and objectives in their first committee report to the Student Senate.

4.09

The Academic Affairs Committee will be a temporary committee designed to help create coherent policies that will be in the best interest of the student body. It will consist of appointed chairperson and voluntary members to work on behalf of the students. The chairperson is charged with the responsibility of creating a proper balance of representation within his/her committee.

Specifically, the body should include all of the following: a freshman, a sophomore, a junior, a senior, a graduate student, an arts and humanities major, a business major, a science and engineering major, and an education major, thereby ensuring appropriate representation for all segments of the campus community.

The Academic Affairs Committee will serve at the pleasure of the Student Government Association until a time when the Student Government Association deems the committee ready to be dissolved. Dissolution will be achieved with a majority vote of the Senate.

4.10

The Constitution and Elections Committee is responsible for revision of the constitution and bylaws as deemed necessary by the Student Senate or committee chair. The Constitution and Elections Committee is responsible for facilitating elections and enforcing all election code rules, and its members are therefore ineligible to run for elected office.

Constitutional amendments, or amendments to the bylaws, must be reviewed in this committee before being brought in front of the Student Senate.

4.11

The Environmental Affairs Committee focuses on the mission of assisting the University in reducing its overall impact on the environment, establishing and maintaining a safe academic environment, and organizing educational activities.

4.12

The Food and Services Committee is to work with various constituent groups, in a proactive way, to ensure there is support for future food service offering and operational plans, new program initiatives, utilization of Sanddollar and Meal Plan, and other issues, which may affect satisfaction, quality, and service orientation.

4.13

The Public Relations Committee serves to promote good relations between the Student Government Association and the Corpus Christi community. This committee will take an active role in promoting Student Government Association events to the student body, as well as to the wider community. The Public Relations Committee is responsible for overseeing and gathering student input, as well as coordinating with other committees in regards to promoting events sponsored by the Student Government Association.

4.14

The Spirits and Traditions Committee is charged with creating new traditions and keeping old traditions alive for future generations of students to enjoy. This committee plays a significant role in planning Homecoming and various other campus events, as well as taking part in introducing new traditions.

4.15

The Student Affairs Committee works on concerns that students have on campus. The committee's job is to find the areas that students need help or assistance so that students can feel as though their concerns are being heard. Also, this committee meets with different departments on campus so that student input on particular issues is always present.

4.16

The Legislative Study Committee is charged with finding and researching all upcoming bills that could affect Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi. The committee shall meet when the Texas Legislature is in session. The committee will review the proposed bills and work together to develop suggestions or a plan of action for the Student Government Association.

4.17

Before any creation of a Senate committee shall be made, the Student Senate shall confer first with the Executive branch with their decision to create and appoint said Senate committee. In the event of any dispute arising between the Executive branch and the Student Senate, the dispute shall be resolved by the Judicial Board.

4.18

All senators and committee chairpersons are required to be present in the Student Government Association office for a minimum of one hour per week during regular business hours.

4.19

The amount of senators representing the senatorial designations are as follows:

- i. The number of senators representing each college shall be three.
- ii. The number of senators representing each of the other senatorial designations specified within the second paragraph of Article IV, section 2 of the constitution shall be one.
- iii. The number of senators representing the freshman class shall be three.

4.20

The powers, duties, and responsibilities of the Freshman Council are as follows:

- i. Planning and organizing a Freshman Forum where freshman students can come and speak to representatives from the university and freshman class.
- ii. Provide SGA a freshman perspective on ideas, programs, and projects directed by Student Government.
- iii. Acquaint its members with all the resources and services offered by the University.
- iv. Develop leadership skills that will assist its members in becoming productive students of the University community.
- v. Holding Freshman Council meetings bi-weekly.
- vi. The freshman senators will hold monthly meetings with the Chair of the Department of Undergraduate Affairs and report back to the senate.

4.21

The Student Government President shall preside over the Freshman Council. The Freshman Senators shall make reports to the Student Senate on all actions taken by the Freshman Council at every Student Senate meeting.

4.22

Each Freshman Council member must attend a total of at least two Student Senate meetings each year.

4.23

The Student Government Association President shall nominate a Speaker of the Student Senate within the first quarter of every fall semester. The Speaker of the Student Senate shall be approved by a two-thirds vote.

To be eligible for the aforementioned approval, the Speaker of the Student Senate nominee must be a current or former senator within the Student Senate.

In the event of resignation, removal from office, or incapacitation, a new Speaker of the Student Senate shall be chosen by similar means.

In the case that the newly approved individual was serving as a senator, he or she shall vacate said senator position, and appropriate action shall be taken to fill said vacancy.

4.24

The Speaker of the Student Senate shall serve as parliamentarian for the Student Senate, and as such will be denied the ability to cast a vote during Student Senate meetings or other legislative proceedings, absent the following condition:

- i. The yays and nays on a particular vote are tied.

4.25

The Speaker of the Student Senate must not use their powers to sway a discussion or vote in one direction or another. Therefore, while a motion is being discussed, the Speaker of the Student Senate must remain neutral.

4.26

As presiding chair of the Student Senate, it is the responsibility of the Speaker of the Student Senate to write the legislative agenda for every Student Senate meeting.

The Speaker of the Student Senate must meet with the Student Government Association President weekly to review the aforementioned agenda.

4.27

As parliamentarian of the Student Senate, it is a duty and responsibility of the Speaker of the Student Senate to enforce Robert's Rules of Order and the Student Government Association Constitution and Bylaws during all Student Senate meetings.

Additionally, should the Judicial Board make a ruling affecting the interpretation of the Student Government Association Constitution and Bylaws, it is a duty and responsibility of the Speaker of the Student Senate to enforce that ruling.

4.28

If the executive branch is in absentia, the Speaker of the Student Senate may administer the Oath of Office to any newly elected Senate officers, Committee Chairpersons or CoChairs.

CHAPTER 5 - JUDICIAL BRANCH

5.01

In the event that a justice has an appeal, they are to remove themselves from any decisions to be made on the appeal. The Student Government Association Vice President shall then replace said justice in the appeal hearing.

5.02

No individual may hold a Judicial Branch office while holding either an Executive Branch or Legislative Branch office. Justices may not chair the Constitution Committee.

5.03

The Judicial Board shall be made up of currently enrolled students. To be appointed Chief Justice, a student must be able to serve a full one-year term. The term of office for the Chief Justice shall begin the day following Spring Commencement, and shall end Spring Commencement of the following year.

5.04

Official results of elections and referendums must be certified within two class days of such elections or referendum, by a majority of the Judicial Board.

5.05

Judicial Board hearings will not be conducted without the Chief Justice presiding, but in the interest of efficiency and timeliness, a hearing may be conducted when two or fewer Associate Justices are in absentia.

5.06

In the event the Chief Justice is in absentia for a period of no less than two weeks and no more than twelve weeks, the Student Government Association Vice President will preside over the remaining Associate Justices.

5.07

In the event that fewer than five Justices comprise the Judicial Board during the fall and spring semesters, additional Justices may be appointed by the Chief Justice, pending approval by a two-thirds vote by the Student Senate. Their term will end at the Spring Commencement of the spring semester. Justices seeking a second or subsequent terms may do so upon nomination and appointment made by the Chief Justice.

5.08

Quorum must be met for any hearing to proceed. Quorum for the Judicial Board is at least three Associate Justices, which shall include the Chief Justice or Student Government Association Vice President at all times.

5.09

In the event that a dispute arises over the meaning of the constitution or bylaws, a complaint shall be made to the Chief Justice of the Judicial Board.

5.10

If the Chief Justice receives a complaint pursuant to 5.09, the Chief Justice shall call for either a written or oral hearing, depending upon what the issue in question warrants.

Such a hearing shall consist of the following:

- i. Each party to the complaint shall have the opportunity to argue for their interpretation of the constitution or bylaws.
- ii. All justices must be given the chance to ask questions of each party.

- iii. The justices will then determine, by a majority vote, how the constitution or bylaws apply to this particular complaint.

5.11

Once the Judicial Board has rendered a decision pursuant to 5.10, the Chief Justice shall compose a document outlining the Judicial Board's opinion, if the Chief Justice is voting in the majority. If the Chief Justice is voting in the minority, the most senior justice of the majority shall compose the document.

The aforementioned document must have a title that includes the parties to the complaint and the date of the hearing.

All of these documents shall be added to their own chapter of the bylaws, Chapter 9 – Judicial Rulings, and shall have the same effect as the bylaws. Chapter 9 – Judicial Rulings of the bylaws may only be amended with the approval of the Judicial Board.

5.12

If the Judicial Board decides that a member or entity has violated the constitution or bylaws, the Judicial Board shall issue a warning to all members, informing them of the conduct that they have ruled to be against the constitution or bylaws.

5.13

It is a duty and responsibility of all members to abide by Judicial Board rulings. If a member participates in conduct previously ruled by the Judicial Board to be against the constitution or bylaws, this conduct shall be impeachable pursuant to Article VI of the constitution.

CHAPTER 6 – IMPEACHMENT PROCESS

6.01

“Immoral or unethical behavior” shall be defined by a majority vote of the Judicial Board.

6.02

An impeachment inquiry shall be a document containing the following elements:

- i. A title stating that the document is an impeachment inquiry.
- ii. The date the impeachment inquiry was created.
- iii. The name, position (if applicable), and signature of the individual or individuals making the impeachment inquiry.
- iv. The name and position of the individual being charged as the member in question.
- v. The specific grounds under which the member in question is being charged, as listed in Article VI, Section 2.
- vi. If the member in question is being charged under Article VI, Section 2, item i, the document must include the specific rule under which the member in question is being charged.
- vii. If the member in question is being charged under Article VI, Section 2, item ii, the document must include the specific areas of the constitution or bylaws where said duties or responsibilities are stated.

- viii. If the member in question is being charged under Article VI, Section 2, item iii, the document must include a suggested definition of “Immoral or unethical behavior”, as well as clear and concise reasoning behind said suggested definition.
- ix. A substantial amount of evidence behind the charge listed against the member in question.
- x. A place for the Chief Justice of the Judicial Board to sign the document, should the Judicial Board decide to proceed with the impeachment investigation.

6.03

The Judicial Board shall proceed with the impeachment investigation if, and only if, the following conditions are met:

- i. The impeachment inquiry has all required elements as described in 6.02. ii. There is enough evidence behind the impeachment inquiry to warrant an impeachment investigation.

6.04

The Judicial Board shall have three business days, upon receiving an impeachment inquiry, to determine whether or not to proceed with an impeachment investigation.

If the Judicial Board decides to proceed with an impeachment investigation, the member in question shall be notified within 24 hours.

6.05

If the Judicial Board decides to proceed with an impeachment investigation, they must hold an informational meeting with the Student Senate. This meeting must occur within one week of said decision. The Judicial Board shall then inform the Student Senate of the following:

- i. The impeachment process as outlined in the constitution and bylaws.
- ii. The Student Senate’s role in the impeachment process.
- iii. The impeachment code of ethics as outlined in 6.06.

6.06

The Student Senate must not communicate with the Judicial Board regarding the specifics of the impeachment investigation, unless otherwise noted in the constitution or bylaws.

6.07

The Judicial Board shall have a total of four weeks to conduct an impeachment investigation. Weeks in which the Student Senate is not conducting regularly scheduled meetings shall not count towards this total.

6.08

An impeachment investigation shall consist of the following:

- i. The Judicial Board shall conduct an interview with each Student Government Association member who may have any information or evidence pertinent to the impeachment investigation. ii. The Judicial Board shall collect any further information or evidence pertinent to the impeachment investigation.

- iii. The Judicial Board shall review every piece of information or evidence, deciding whether the use of said information or evidence in the impeachment investigation is valid and reasonable.
- iv. Once the Judicial Board has collected and reviewed every piece of information and evidence, the member in question shall have the opportunity to defend themselves against, or provide mitigating factors towards, said information and evidence.

6.09

The special session meeting mentioned in Article VI, Section 4 shall consist of the following:

- i. Each justice of the Judicial Board, regardless of their vote, shall have the opportunity to present their interpretation of the findings of the impeachment investigation. Each justice shall be allotted 15 minutes to do so.
- ii. Any justice may decline their allotted time to speak, and concur with any other justice.
- iii. The member in question shall be allotted 15 minutes to speak. The member in question may, however, decline their allotted time to speak and concur with one of the dissenting justices.
- iv. The Student Senate must decide whether or not to approve or deny the Judicial Board's findings by a two-thirds vote during this special session meeting.

6.10

If a member of the Executive Cabinet has missed more than two meetings of the Executive Cabinet, they may be removed by the process outlined in Article VI, Section 5.

6.11

In the event that the impeachment proceedings are directed toward the Chief Justice, the Associate Justices shall nominate one of their own as the Chief Justice pro tempore, who shall preside over the remaining Judicial Board. In such an event, four justices are required for all functions of the impeachment proceedings.

CHAPTER 7 - STUDENT BODY PETITION 7.01

A referendum petition by the student body must contain the signatures of ten percent of the concerned college, class or the student body. A referendum must then be held within another fourteen days. It is then the duty of the Student Government Association President to implement the results of the referendum.

CHAPTER 8 - ELECTION CODE

8.01

Spring elections shall take place in April of every year, on specific dates decided upon by the Constitution and Elections Committee. Such elections shall consist of the following:

- i. An election for the Student Government Association President.
- ii. An election for the Student Government Association Vice President.
- iii. An election for all contested Student Senate seats.

8.02

Fall elections shall take place in September of every year, on specific dates decided upon by the Constitution and Elections Committee. These elections shall consist of elections for all vacant elected positions.

8.03

The Student Government Association Advisor will evaluate the GPA of each elected Student Government Association member prior to the first Student Senate meeting of each semester, in order to ensure that all elected officials are in compliance with their respective GPA requirement.

8.04

The following Election Code of Ethics will apply to all Student Government Association Elections:

- i. A candidate, or any student affiliated with said candidate, may not campaign near designated voting areas.
- ii. A candidate, or any student affiliated with said candidate may not display or distribute campaign material near designated voting areas.
- iii. All banners in the University Center must be removed by the day of the election.
- iv. No candidate may take down, cover, mark, tear, or deface in any manner another candidate's campaign material.
- v. Candidates may not campaign before the designated campaigning period. The designated campaigning period will be on dates decided upon by the Constitution and Elections committee.

8.05

Voting areas, for the purposes of Student Government Association elections, are defined as being within a 25 feet radius of any location in which the Student Government Association is administering or facilitating the voting process during elections.

8.06

The following requirements apply to all candidates for elected positions within the Student Government Association, regardless of whether or not said position is contested:

- i. If the candidate is a part of the Judicial Board, said candidates must remove themselves from the certification of any race in which they are running.
- ii. Candidates must never have been disqualified from holding future Student Government offices as a result of an impeachment trial.
- iii. Candidates must show proof of on-campus campaigning for the said position. On-campus campaigning here is defined as any sort of on-campus advertising that promotes the individual candidate and the Student Government Association elections as a whole.
- iv.

Additionally, candidates must show proof that they have done online campaigning for the said position. Online campaigning here is defined as any sort of advertising on social media that promotes the individual candidate and the Student Government Association elections as a whole.

8.07

Candidates interested in running for the President position must have a minimum of one full academic year experience as an elected or appointed member in the Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi Student Government Association.

One full academic year experience as an elected or appointed member is defined as holding an elected or appointed position for both of the following, although not necessarily consecutively:

- i. A fall academic semester.
- ii. A spring academic semester.

8.08

Candidates interested in running for the Vice President position must have a minimum of one full academic semester experience as an elected or appointed member in the Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi Student Government Association.

One full academic semester experience as an elected or appointed member is defined as holding an elected or appointed position for at least one of the following:

- i. A fall academic semester.
- ii. A spring academic semester.
- iii. The Summer I and Summer II sessions consecutively.

8.09

If none of the interested candidates interested in the President position are able to comply with 8.07, then 8.07 shall not apply.

If none of the interested candidates interested in the Vice President position are able to comply with 8.08, then 8.08 shall not apply.

8.10

Once the fall elections have taken place, the Student Government Association President shall fill vacant seats within the Student Senate by appointment. The Student Senate shall approve said appointments with a two-thirds vote.

8.11

Elections for the Student Senate shall only take place when seats are contested. Otherwise, the candidates shall fill vacant seats upon approval by the Student Government Association Advisor.

However, section 8.06 shall apply to all candidates, regardless of whether or not their seat is contested.

8.12

In the event of a tie in any Student Senate elections, a special election shall be held to break the election tie upon approval by the Student Senate. The Chairperson of the Constitution and Elections Committee shall initiate this special election during any semester or session.

8.13

As per Article III, Section 2 of the constitution, the winning candidates for President and Vice President shall be determined by plurality vote.

The winning candidate for all Student Senate elections in which there is one vacant seat shall be determined by plurality vote.

The winning candidates for all Student Senate elections in which there are X number of vacant seats shall be determined by granting the seats to the top X number of candidates with the most votes.

8.14

The Election Code may not be changed anytime within the three weeks leading up to spring elections.

These Bylaws were last updated on January 25, 2017.